

As a multiple-radio subscriber to XM Satellite Radio, I consider the availability of fee-for-service satellite broadcasting to be a shining example of free-market innovation in the media marketplace. Having, moreover, recently driven from my home in Nashville, Tenn., through unfamiliar rush-hour traffic surrounding Dallas, Tex., the availability of "XM Instant Traffic & Weather" information could not have been more helpful or essential to my progress. It discourages me to learn of the anti-competitive intentions of lobby groups like the National Association of Broadcasters whose aims are to stifle services I am paying for and desire because of NAB affiliates' inability to devise competitive marketplace alternatives. I respectfully urge the FCC to reject the NAB's petition 04-160 and to support the satellite radio industry's ability to provide the kind of anytime (and generally commercial-free) programming--including on-demand local-content material--that is simply not available from any other broadcast source. Sincerely...Marc K. Stengel/Nashville, Tennessee